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Responsive to Office Action dated May 13, 2008

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1.(Currently Amended) A front device including a box member formed by welding together an upper flange, a lower flange, a left web and a right web; and a boss located at least at one end of said box member and welded to the ends of said upper flange, said lower flange, said left web and said right web, characterized in that:

at least one of said left web and said right web is provided with a face plate portion which is extended in the longitudinal direction of said box member and formed as at least one of the left side face and the right side face of said box member, and a bent plate portion which is bent inward and extended from the end of the longitudinal direction of said face plate portion to said boss, and welded to said boss at one end of said bent plate portion is provided for at least one side web of said left web or said right web; and

a reinforcement plate is located outside of said bent plate portion and welded to said face plate portion arranged between said one side web of said left web or said right web and said boss respectively; and

the portion of said box member to be welded to said boss forms a double structure by use of said bent plate portion and said reinforcement plate.

2. (Currently Amended) A front device including a box member formed by welding together an upper flange, a lower flange, a left web and a right web; and a boss located at least at one end of said box member and welded to the ends of said upper flange, said lower flange, said left web and said right web, characterized in that:

at least one of said upper flange and said lower flange is provided with a face plate portion which is extended in the longitudinal direction of said box member and formed as at

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least one of the upper side face and the lower side face of said box member, and a bent plate portion which is bent inward and extended from the end of the longitudinal direction of said face plate portion to said boss, and welded to said boss at the distal end of said bent plate portion; is provided for at least one side flange of said upper flange or said lower flange; and

a reinforcement plate is located outside of said bent plate portion and welded to said face plate portion, arranged between said one side flange of said upper flange or said lower flange and said boss respectively; and

the portion of said box member to be welded to said boss forms a double structure by use of said bent plate portion and said reinforcement plate.

3. (Currently Amended) A front device including a box member formed by welding together an upper flange, a lower flange, a left web and a right web; and a boss located at least at one end of said box member and welded to the ends of said upper flange, said lower flange, said left web and said right web, characterized in that:

at least one of said left web and said right web is provided with a face plate portion which is extended in the longitudinal direction of said box member and formed as at least one of the left side face and the right side face of said box member, and one a first bent plate portion which is bent inward and extended from the end of the longitudinal direction of said face plate portion to said boss, and welded to said boss at the distal end of said bent plate portion; is provided for at least one side web of said left web or said right web, and

at least one of said upper flange and said lower flange is provided with a face plate portion which is extended in the longitudinal direction of said box member and formed as at least one of the upper side face and the lower side face of said box member, and another a second bent plate portion which is bent inward and extended from the end of the longitudinal direction of said face plate portion to said boss, and welded to said boss at the distal end of said bent plate portion; is provided for at least one side flange of said upper flange or said lower flange;

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~~one-a first reinforcement plate is located outside of said one-first bent plate portion and welded to arranged between said one side web said face plate portion of said left web or said right web and said boss respectively; and~~

~~another-a second reinforcement plate is located outside of said other-second bent plate portion and arranged between welded to said one side flange said face plate portion of said upper flange or said lower flange and said boss respectively.~~

4. (Previously Presented) A front device as defined in claim 1, wherein said box member serves as at least one component of a lower boom which is liftably coupled with the body of a construction machine, an upper boom which is pivotally coupled with the distal end of said lower boom for swinging movements in leftward and rightward directions, or an arm which is rotatably coupled with the distal end of said upper boom through an arm support member and to which a work tool is attached.

5.(Previously Presented) A front device as defined in claim 1, wherein said box member serves as at least one component of a boom which is liftably coupled with the body of a construction machine, and an arm which is rotatably coupled with the distal end of said boom and to which a work tool is attached.